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EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR OMAN

ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

A. Eligible Products

1. Fresh/frozen red meat and red meat products
2. Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products

Note: Pork is eligible if clearly labeled*

SLAUGHTER REQUIREMENTS

Ritual: Islamic Halal Slaughter requirements apply.

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

A. Fresh/frozen meat and poultry - In addition to the labeling features mandatory in the United States, packaged meat and poultry must bear the following features:

1. Production (slaughter or freezing) and expiration dates. Date format requirements for Oman must conform to the following: Day/Month/Year for products with a shelf life of six (6) months or less and Month/Year for products with a shelf life of more than six (6) months. Dating should be in numeric format and bilingual (English/Arabic). *
2. Metric net weight - At present, there are no restrictions regarding net weight tolerances.
3. Country of origin
4. Statement that product has been slaughtered according to Islamic principles.
5. Bilingual labels - Arabic and English
6. Product name - Product names may deviate from the U.S. standards if approved according to 9 CFR 317.7 or 381.128. For example, chicken from the U.S. is commonly labeled as "American Chicken". Contact FSIS Technical Service Center at (402) 221-7400 for information on approval of export label deviations.*

B. Oman permits entry of pork products, but all pork products, including lard, must be identified on label.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Certification requirements

1. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5 - Meat and Poultry Certificate of Wholesomeness. All FSIS Form 9060-5 certificates must be dated and have the signature and title of an FSIS veterinarian.
2. Ritual slaughter - In addition to FSIS certification, the exporter must obtain a Certificate of Islamic Halal Slaughter from a member of an Islamic Center or Islamic organization. A certificate of Islamic Slaughter is a certificate issued by a member of a Moslem organization

recognized by the importing country to provide this service; the certificate states that animals were slaughtered according to Moslem religious requirements. This certificate must accompany products labeled "Halal." The certificate must be endorsed by the Arabian-American Chamber of Commerce or by Arabian Consulate and must accompany all shipments. A list of the Arabian-American Chambers of Commerce is provided.

3. Additional Certification.

- a. Fresh/frozen unprocessed product. Products bearing Halal label claims must be accompanied by an appropriate Halal certificate or a written assurance from the exporter that an appropriate Halal certificate will be supplied to accompany that shipment before it reaches its destination.
- b. Raw materials used in processed products with Halal label claims must be accompanied by an appropriate Halal certificate.

HANDLING/STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Oman requires that instructions for consumers concerning storage, preparation, and other special handling requirements accompany all shipments.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. Consignee: Product must be consigned directly to Oman.

B. Expiration Period.

1. For frozen beef there is no fixed expiration time. Twelve (12) months is suggested as a reasonable time frame for which to set an expiration date.
2. For frozen poultry the expiration date should be no longer than 12 months.

PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

All Federally inspected establishments are eligible to export to Oman. If products are to be labeled "HALAL", the plant must be able to accommodate the Islamic requirements.

The following is presented for information:

ARABIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

1. NATIONAL U.S.-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1625 Eye Street NW Suite 902
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 331-8010
fax (202) 331-8297

2. U.S.-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

135 South Lasalle Street Room 1020

Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312) 782-0320
fax (312) 782-7379

3. U.S.-ARAB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1231 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94101-7239
(415) 552-8202
(213) 646-1499 branch office in Los Angeles

For assistance in locating the nearest Oman Consulate, contact:
The Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman
2342 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 387-1980

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